

REMARKS

The Office Action has rejected Claim 51 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. Moreover, Claim 49 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regards as the invention. Moreover, it has objected to the specification and has requested a substitute specification. Finally, the Office Action has objected to the title, alleging that it is non-descriptive. The Office Action has further requested that the applicants submit a new substitute specification.

Applicants are submitting a new substitute specification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.125(a). The specification including the claims is identical to the specification originally filed on February 16, 2001.

The margins of the substitute specification are in accordance with the regulations promulgated in 37 C.F.R. §1.84(a). Consequently, the objection to the specification is overcome; withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

The title of the application has also been objected. However, the Office Action has suggested a new title which applicants have adopted. Consequently, the title has been amended in accordance with the suggestion the Office Action. Accordingly, the objection thereto has been overcome; withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Claims 49 and 51 have been amended, Claim 49 has been amended by deleting the term "in situ", previously added in the Response on May 27, 2003.

In addition, Claim 51 has been amended to be consistent with the teachings on Page 21, lines 1-5 of the instant specification.

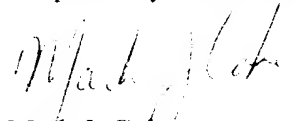
No new matter has been added to the application.

Pursuant to the rejection of Claim 51 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, the Office Action alleges that there is no support for the upper limit of 5 nm. The application has been reviewed, and it has been found that the upper limit reciting 5 nm is a typographical error and that the correct upper limit is 20 nm consistent with the teachings on page 21, lines 1-5 of the instant specification. Thus, the amendment to Claim 51 overcomes the rejection thereof under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Pursuant to the rejection of Claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, the Office Action alleges that the inclusion of the term "in situ" is inconsistent with the language in the remainder of claim. To advance prosecution, applicants have deleted the term "in situ" from Claim 49. In view of the amendment to Claim 49, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of Claim 49 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph is overcome; withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the amendments to the specification and claims described herein above and in view of the substitute specification, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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